

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please further amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 5-22, as follows:

~~Figure 4 shows another embodiment of the filter module 4.~~

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Between the draining layers 5a, 5b there are filter regions which include several filter layers 1a - 1d. These filter layers 1a - 1d have a degree of separation which rises when viewed in the flow direction, and for example the layer 1d can be a disinfection layer. The disinfection layer 1d is located directly in front of the draining layer 5b for the filtrate and has an especially high degree of separation. In this way the unfiltered material is filtered in stages and thus ensures an especially high service life of the filter module. The filter layers 1a - 1c in this embodiment, like the draining layer 5a which carries the unfiltered material, has ~~filter~~ sealing elements 6 toward the filter space 3. Since the sealing elements 6 of these layers adjoin one another, ~~an~~ a one-piece element in the form of a sealing tube can be used. Since the disinfection layer 1d is that layer with the highest degree of separation, the unfiltered material flowing directly to the filtrate space 3 is adequately cleaned and therefore does not require a sealing element.